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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

1. USINT RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 8 LETTER DATED AUGUST 31 FROM CONGRESSMAN BRUCE CAPUTO WHICH REFERES TO PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT A TEAM OF CUBANS TORTURED US PRISONERS OF WAR IN HANOI IN THE LATE 1960'S. CONGRESSMAN STATES THAT CIA AND DIA BELIEVE THESE REPORTS TO BE ACCURATE. LETTER CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE I BELIEVE THAT BEFORE OUR GOVERNMENT BEGINS ANY SERIOUS EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CUBA, WE SHOULD KNOW WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT PLAYED IN THE TORTURE OF OUR PRISONERS OF WAR. IF WE RESUME NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND RELAX TRADE RESTRICTIONS WITHOUT GETTING AN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, IN MY OPINION, WE WILL BE BETRAYING THE HUNDREDS OF MEN WHO SPENT AS MUCH AS TEN TYERS IN CAPTIVITY IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. QUOTE I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU WOULD, AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE TIME, ASK THE PROPER CUBAN AUTHORITIES FOR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT CUBANS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS TORTURE ACTIVITY. I ASSUME IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN THE FULL INVOLVEMENT OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF, BUT ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD OBTAIN IN THAT REGARD WOULD ALSO BE MOST APPRECIATED UNQUOTE.

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3. USINT REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON CONTENT OF REPLY WE SHOULD MAKE TO CONGRESSMAN IN ORDER TO ASSURE CONSISTENCY WITH POSITION DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TAKEN ON SIMILAR INQUIRIES. LANE

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